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and cost of enforcement of a cease and desist order if a civil penalty was ordered, if the Attorney General's Office brings action. It creates the Department of Justice of Natural Resources Enhancement (sic--Enforcement) Fund with the Office of Attorney General, where the attorney fees and costs are to be deposited for use by the Attorney General to pay staff and reimburse the Attorney General's Office for costs incurred in enforcing the cease and desist order of the natural resources district. So this, in essence, removes the possibility that this would need a fiscal note to it. This just means the Attorney General's Office can recover the cost of filing the cease and desist order and the cost in...and the cost of the Attorney General's Office bringing that action.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have AM0098 as an amendment to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 322.)

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHROCK: AM0098 is an amendment to correct a drafting error on the committee amendment. This committee amendment should read "when the Attorney General brings an action", so we are striking the words "a county attorney or a private attorney." During the testimony at the hearing, it was brought out that the natural resource districts would be seeking the assistance of the Attorney General's Office to enforce their cease and desist orders, since in some cases, such as meter tampering or using more water than is allocated, would be in violation to not only of the rules and regulations of the natural resource districts but could also jeopardize any interstate compacts, agreements, or settlements, and place the state of Nebraska at risk for additional lawsuits. So in the case of Republican River Basin, if somebody was violating their water meters or tampering with their water meters, that type of activity could put our settlement with Kansas in jeopardy. And so it is important that the Attorney General's Office be involved in the cease and disorder...cease and desist action